

Minutes of Southern Energy Co-operative Ltd Board Meeting, 18 December 1997, 172 Skye Road, Frankston

PRESENT: Lois Wishart, Greg Wishart, Richard Greaves, A.R.Gourley (Chairman) and David Griffiths

#### **Minutes**

1. Resolved that the minutes be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting of 17 November 1997 and be signed by the Chairman.

Moved: Richard Greaves

Seconded: Lois Wishart

CARRIED

#### **Membership**

2. Resolved to allot a share to Mark Conroy: One share (Number 76)

Moved: Lois Wishart

Seconded: Richard Greaves

CARRIED

#### **SEC News**

The Chairman reported that SEC News Volume 1 Number 2 had been printed by True Colour Photocopying for approximately \$12 and that he was not seeking reimbursement.

The following directors made these donations for postage costs of sending out SEC News:

\$5 Richard Greaves

\$10 Lois Wishart

#### **United Energy Meeting**

Directors discussed the meeting with United Energy representatives on 3 December 1997:

Matt Pollard, Group Manager, Corporate Affairs

Kaylene Rowe, Customer Care Co-ordinator

Observations made by the United Energy representatives included:

- Customer loyalty as an important issue.
- The distribution network had been run down the last 14 years.
- Private ownership meant the utility had more incentive to look after customers and reduce waste.
- Customer satisfaction is essential for business success
- Members of co-operative should report faults so that they can be fixed.

The United Energy representatives agreed to forward to the Secretary the following:

- Copies of all brochures
- Contact information
- A copy of Utilicorp United Annual Report

Richard Greaves reported that he had spoken with Matt Pollard that morning, that the information promised was being collected and should be received by the Secretary next week.

It was agreed that it was a constructive meeting with the United Energy representatives welcoming further contact.

### **Greenhouse**

The Secretary distributed copies of the following to directors:

- A. Adam Glenn A Deal Is Struck In Kyoto ABC News, 12 December 1997
- Nations set global greenhouse targets BBC News, 11 December 1997
- 'Special case' deal for Australia under fire, BBC News, 11 December 1997
- The terms of the Kyoto agreement, BBC News, 11 December 1997

### **Business**

The Chairman noted that he had forwarded to the Secretary a list of potential items that could be sold by the co-operative.

It was agreed that the list would be circulated with the minutes of the meeting.

It was noted that it would have to be ascertained in respect of each item the basis of its availability for re-sale and the cost.

The Chairman asked whether the options were through SEC News and a market stall. It was noted that SEC News had a low and disinterested readership.

### **Auditor**

The Chairman tabled a letter to be forwarded to the auditor Pevensky Pobjoy seeking agreement to our appointing an auditor nearer to our registered office in Frankston.

It was noted that the letter would be forwarded and the Chairman would subsequently contact John Mulhall.

### **Annual General Meeting**

It was agreed to schedule the Third Annual General Meeting for 15 March 1998.

**NEXT MEETING:** 7.30 pm, 19 January 1998, 172 Skye Road, Frankston.

